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WOMEN'S PEACECAMP

A year ago the attention of a group of women was drawn to the fact that a military installation was under construction near Ravnstrup, a small village in Jutland.
The installation is supposed to replace Karup as the northern command central of NATO. The construction was started in 1977 and is surrounded by great mysteriousness. It is not visible to the public, as it is situated 7-10 floors beyond the ground. The command central will cover all Denmark and Northern Germany down till Hamburg, and it's probably from here the Northgerman cruise-missiles is to be directed.
As a protest against a thing like that existing, and the concealment of such an essential fact from the public, a group og women arranged a women's peacecamp near Ravnstrup in the weekend, June 23-34.
The women demands the installation removed, og used for civilian purposes, and also more openness in these matters.

ANTI-TERROR-POLICE

Since the mid-seventies the danish police have been educating their own BODYGUARDS to protect V.I.P. "against actions of terrorism". The courses include among other things practising fight without weapons, briefing on terrorism, advanced shooting (e.g. from a running car), guarding of hotels. The education comes within the P.E.T. (Police Intelligence Service). Also the police turn-out service is involved, as it "effects assistance" from the Police Action-group, "which especially is meant to oppose actions of terrorism".

The number of registrated SHOPLIFTINGS rose by 22,4% from 1981 to 1982. The police itself states: "any concrete explanation to this unusually high rising is not known"

(The Annual Report of the Police, 1982)

DIRECT ACTION BY PARENTS

A group of parents have removed dangerous ceiling-sheets from their children's kindergarten. In the weekend, when the place is closed, they went in and pulled down the sheets, which are suspected of being cancerogene. The problem has appeared in several kindergartens and the parents have for a long time waited for the city-council of Århus - which runs the kindergarten - to do something to prevent further danger for the children. They have been protesting, collecting signatures, demonstrating, and in one kindergarten the parents have started a paying-boycott.
The council has been passive, and actually shelved the case with all possible excuses - and of course, a replacement of the sheets might be expensive, as well as the council don't like to admit to the justice of the parents' demands. Af, After another delaying council-meeting in the middle of June the parents took to direct action. The council's immediate reply have been closing the kindergarten and reporting the parents to the police!

F-16

Once again two F-16 fighter-planes have crashed - this time the danish island, Fyn. A pilot and a technician was killed. These planes are not just unnecessary and expensive (more than 50.000.000 dkr each - and Denmark has bought 48 planes..) to the danish people - they are also dangerous!
Maybe even more planes will crash. 50 danish pilots and technicians are are going to the USA to take part in an USAF-excercise for 6 weeks in June and July. The exercise will take place in the desert of Nevada under fully realistic conditions, as "the actions of the pilots are not limited by considerations for noise, environment and so on, as home in Denmark.", as the danish

rightwing-newspaper, Jyllandsposten tells.
As a matter of fact the military never liked to be limited by any considerations at all, for any living creation...

DYING FORESTS
The number of trees in Denmark has in the last decades been steadily falling. During the last five years an increasing mortality has been noticed, first among spruces, later pines, and latest among hardwood trees, fruit trees, vine and grain.
One of the causes is air pollution. A dangerous gas to the trees is sulphur dioxide (SO_2), which appears in high concentrations from industrial areas (Ruhr, Mid England). At combustion of coal, gas, oil and refuse, gasses are made, which compounds with water and oxygene and becomes acid, - and together with the rain it falls as very sour rain. As the air pollution and the sourness of the rain increases, the growth of plants decreases every year. By means of very tall chimneys the smoke is taken so high up in the sky, that the gasses will not fall untill rain is falling. But before that the wind might have taken them more than 1ooo kms away. That's why they in Sweden have to throw several tons of lime into the lakes, to neutralize the water, in normally pollution-free areas.
Trees are able to clean the air from different gasses, and because of that the pollution is reduced. But as the trees standing in front dies, the trees behind will be reached by a bigger air-pollution. So the Death of Forests will spread like a fire. When the forests and windbreaks have disappeared, the speed of the wind will rise, and the sandy soil blow away. The landscape will transform into desert or bush-steppe.

COLOURED BLOT
In the spring '83, the "Youth House" in Copenhagen organized a political festival, calling themselves "Sorte Klat" (Black Blot). Sorte Klat was an attempt to gather all kinds of progressive sub-organizations in two weeks of

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started with a big demo:
culture-imperialism" and
yourself-culture day". T
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A PATRIOT BANNER

On the first day of the Blot a group made an action at the danish leftwing paper "Information". That happened simultaneously with the big start-demonstration. "Information" was started during WW II, as an underground paper against the german occupation. Now however, it is a rather established and intellectual paper. At this newspaper an old freedom fighter banner were hanging. This banner was taken away by the group, and they delivered a written criticism of the paper, telling why the banner was taken away.

"Information" still calls itself a leftwing paper though it is characterized by having no contact with what is happening in the streets and in the grassroot-organizations. For instance the police and the bourgeois pressbureaus' informations are used without critisism related to actions and demonstrations. Can it be different when Information is written by, for and about a small exclusive group of leftwing intellectuals, always ready with an analysis or a new theoretically aspect. A crowd of professional opinions who alternately discusses subjects as incest, "once upon a time in '68" or the new-narcissism and youth, all without personal involvement. And that, though an analysis of the community should lead to realize the necessity of more regular resistance. If Information does not want to be the mouthpiece of more than this bunch of confused culture-gurues that's ok - but then it is a shame to have a freedom fighter banner hanging in the room. It's a long time since Information fitted the banner. Therefore today we have removed the banner and putted it where Information's freedom fight is: 6 feet below the ground.

P.S. And then one is still unable to read the paper without a magnifying glass and a foreignword dictionary.

FROM THE "START - DEMO" AT MAY 4TH

NORWAY

The Union of Unemployed in Oslo, with nearly 500 members, have squatted an empty house - a former employment change/job centre! The authorities tried to evict the squatters, but didn't succeed. The Unemployed have obtained a lot of support from organisations and unions, and are now negotiating with the Council. They want to stay in this particular house, "as it has belonged to the unemployed for more than 50 years!", and it suits all their needs - a café, meeting-rooms etc.

In May the Miss Norway Competition was held in Oslo. The show started with dancers in SS-uniforms and Nazi-effects - big applause.. The candidates were introduced, and just before the announcement of the winner: "disguised" squatter-activists jumped up and threw butyric acid (smelling bomb). The 600 smart-dressed onlookers could not even get a taxi to drive them home...

GERMANY

TEAR GAS INFLUENZA
The government of Nieder-Sachsen in West Germany has recently granted DM 150.000 for purchasing the new CS tear gas. Since a 19 years old policeman died from influenza - the day after he had taken part in an exercise with the gas - activists fears, that future expressions of inions in the streets might deteriorate into deadly epidemics of influenza.

KUKUCK
The Kukuck-house (Kreutzberg Art and Culture Center) in West Berlin has been squatted since 1981. Then there was 165 squats - the latest news says 19 left in Berlin today! About 50 squats have been evicted and the houses domolished, others have been left voluntarily by the squatters, some have been legalized either by purchase or by an agreement on tenancy.
Now the negotiations on purchasing the Kukuck has broken down and the house has been sold to a speculative enterprise, so the squatters are expecting the police to show up anyday. 50 people live and work there every day, and among other things the house contains a library of counte
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HOLLAND

ALTERNATIVE VILLAGE
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THE PACIFIC OCEAN

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to illustrate "ekomedia-
other ekomedia offices.

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE COPS,THE ARMY,FINANCE AND STATE APPARATUS WORK INTERNATIONALLY.THEY EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES AND IDEAS IN THEIR HYPER-EFFICIENT COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND THEREFORE KNOW EXACTLY HOW EVERY SINGLE ATTEMPT TO REVOLT CAN BE DESTROYED.

THEY ARE OFTEN HELPED BY THE STATE-CONTROLLED MEDIA,THAT HUSH UP OR SMEAR ALTERNATIVE MOVEMENTS.WHATEVER ASPECT OF THE SYSTEM WE ATTACK,THE RESPONSE WILL ALWAYS BE THE DEFENCE OF THE ENTIRE WORLD SYSTEM.

AGAINST THIS GIANT APPARATUS WE ARE USUALLY SEPERATED FROM EACH OTHER AND UNAWARE OF ANYTHING OUTSIDE OF OUR OWN ACTIVITIES,WHEREAS IT IS IMPORTANT FOR EFFECTIVENESS AND POWER TO WORK TOGETHER INTERNATIONALLY.

IT IS FOR THESE REASONS THAT EKKOMEDIA WAS STARTED.

THE IDEA BEHIND IT IS TO CREATE A COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM/NEWS AGENCY INVOLVING AS MANY COUNTRIES AND LEVELS OF RESISTANCE AS POSSIBLE,AND TO DISTRIBUTE MATERIAL ON SUBJECTS THAT ARE UNPOPULAR WITH THE OFFICIAL PRESS:SQUATTING,POLICE METHODS,ECOLOGY,THE COUNTER CULTURE,EXPERIENCES OF DIFFERENT GROUPS ETC.

IN PRACTICE IT WILL WORK LIKE THIS:IN EACH "MEMBER COUNTRY" AN EKKOMEDIA OFFICE WILL BE SET UP TO TAKE CHARGE OF A NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.THIS INVOLVES MAKING CONNECTIONS WITH GROUPS,ORGANISATIONS AND MOVEMENTS WITHIN THE COUNTRY. THE EKKOMEDIA OFFICE COLLECTS MATERIAL FROM VARIOUS GROUPS, THEN PASSES IT ON TO THE OTHER COUNTRIES,FROM WHICH IT ALSO RECEIVES MATERIAL.IT MUST TRY AND GET THIS MATERIAL PUBLISHED BY GIVING IT TO SMALL UNDERGROUND PAPERS,MAKE WALL PAPERS, LEAFLETS ETC DEPENDING ON THE CHARACTER OF THE MATERIAL.AT THE SAME TIME THE EKKOMEDIA OFFICE WILL FUNCTION AS A NEWS AGENCY WITH INFORMATION FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

IN THE LONG TERM WE WILL ALSO AIM TOWARD AN EXCHANGE OF VIDEO FILMS AND SLIDES.

UNTILL NOW EKKOMEDIA EXISTS IN:SWEDEN,NORWAY,DENMARK,GERMANY, IRELAND,HOLLAND,USA.

ALL COMMUNICATION MUST-IF POSSIBLE-BE IN ENGLISH.

WE ASK YOU TO START AN EKKOMEIDA OFFICE IN YOUR COUNTRY.WE EXPECT YOU TO ANSWER US,AND THEN WE WILL SEND THE ADDRESSES OF THE EKKOMEDIA OFFICES IN OTHER COUNTRIES,IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

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DEAR FRIENDS!

I have seen your address in Internationales Anarchistische Adressebuch (Verlag Monte Verita, Wien). I am, together with other activists running an alternative "news agency" called ekomedia. As you can see in our "presentation-letter" we are hoping for you to join us.

If you haven't got the time, energy or interest to start an ekomedia-office, we would like you to pass this request on to somebody else, - perhaps, put the letters on a notice/bulletin board.

If you are interested - then just start! I've enclosed our News Bulletin, as example of what we produce. We've recently started up here in Århus, and hope to get better in time... The Bulletin is no "unchangeable precept", it's meant to illustrate the idea of ekomedia, you can do it the way that you feel like. Use the news we have send, gather some interesting stories in your own area and send them to us.

In Canada I've send similar letters to this to:

Open Road, P O Box 6135, Stn G, Vancouver, B C
Alternative Research, P O Box 1294, Kitchener, Ontario
Centre, P O Box 3658, Regina, Saskachewan

To prevent too much boring and enery-wasting paperwork you'll probably have to coordinate in some way.

So: send us a letter and tell if you're interested - we'll start sending you our News Bulletins, and in the first letter the addresses of the other ekomedia offices, which you subsequently should get in touch with, to exchange materials.

I hope to hear from you!

Helle,
Ekomedia - Århus